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## Media Release

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### **ERA Response to Department of Mines and Energy statement**

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Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) welcomes the confirmation by the Northern Territory Government's Department of Mines and Energy that no charge will be laid against it as a result of the investigation into the failure of Leach Tank 1 at the Ranger Mine on December 7, 2013.

At all stages of the incident and investigation ERA responded to requests for information and cooperated in a fully transparent way with the Department of Mines and Energy and other agencies.

ERA has incurred significant impact as a result of the leach tank failure, including a six month suspension of processing operations whilst investigations into the tank failure and assurance processes in relation to the broader processing plant were undertaken.

No one was injured as a result of the leach tank failure.

Ranger Mine's containment management systems fully captured the slurry material from the failed tank and no material left the site. These containment systems are in place to safeguard Kakadu National Park in the event of plant or equipment failure. The systems operated as designed during the leach tank failure.

Investigations by the Commonwealth's Supervising Scientist Branch confirmed that the incident did not cause any damage to the surrounding environment.

ERA has shown commitment in implementing the Process Safety Improvement Action Plan which has been subject to quarterly audits by government appointed consultants and has continued to engage in an open and transparent process with our key stakeholders.

Those audits have found that ERA is achieving its stated objectives in relation to the implementation of the Process Safety Action Plan.



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### **About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd**

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (**ERA**) is one of the nation's largest uranium producers and Australia's longest continually operating uranium mine.

ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for three decades. Ranger mine is one of only three mines in the world to produce in excess of 110,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

ERA's Ranger mine is located eight kilometres east of Jabiru and 260 kilometres east of Darwin, located in Australia's Northern Territory.

ERA is a major employer in the Northern Territory and the Alligator Rivers Region.

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